

Great job, folks!

Well, I have just experienced my first Great New England Airshow and all I can say is "Great job, everyone!"

Our airshow accomplished all we had set out to accomplish. It was the largest outreach event our wing has done or will do in two years and we successfully pulled it off.

There are those that would say the weather put a damper on the event, but I am grateful the rains held off until the Thunderbirds landed on Sunday. And the weather did not prevent us from completing all the flying.

Commentary

I got around during both days of the show and can tell you that I was impressed with all that was being looked after. We provided an extremely safe, clean, fun and positive environment for the general public and you made it happen.

From the flying portion of the show, to the aircraft parking, to the medical support, to the security and parking teams, to the manpower and set-up teams, to the base appearance teams, to the great job by the trash collector teams, it was a total force effort and it did not go unnoticed.

The FAA paid compliments to our flying acts and the flying teams were very complimentary of the Operations team and their excellence in show preparation and execution. I have received compliments about the entire show from everyone I talked to. The New England public received a real treat on Aug. 11-13 — all because of you.

You were terrific hosts and your teamwork was magnificent. Because of your outstanding efforts people will be asking, "When is the next airshow?" It's hard to argue with success. Thanks to all, and GREAT JOB, FOLKS!



by Col. Martin M. Mazick
439th AW Commander

Briefs

Quarterly award winners announced

A Quarterly Awards board was convened to select the outstanding Airman, NCO, Senior NCO, Company Grade Officer, Civilian Employee, and Civilian Supervisor of the 4th quarter.

Airman: SRA Donahue R. Pinto, 439 Aeromedical Staging Squadron;

NCO: SSgt. Roy E. Sloan, 439 Communications Squadron;

Senior NCO: MSgt. Michael Dibrindisi, 439 Aircraft Generation Squadron;

Officer: Capt. James G. Bishop, 439 AW Public Affairs

Civilian: Karl G. Lindberg, 439 Support Group Bio Environmental Engineering Services;

Supervisor: Thomasina Murphy-Mayo, 439 AW Safety.

Gate hours to change

Beginning Sept. 19 base gate hours will change. The Industrial Gate (ID Gate) off Westover Road will remain the base's main gate and its 24-hour access point. That gate will also be the only entry point for visitors.

The Fairview Gate (James St.) will be open from 5:45 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. every day except holidays and non-UTA weekends. Non-UTA weekend hours of operation will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Security Forces will open it again from 11:45 p.m. to 12:15 a.m. to accommodate the base's shift workers.

After the change, McMillian Gate (Gate 2, by the Ludlow golf course) will be open from 5:45 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. It will open again at 4:15 p.m. and close at 5:30 p.m. Gate 2 will remain closed on holidays, but the above hours will be in effect during UTA weekends.

Security Forces are developing a sign on Perimeter Road to show when Gate 2 is open. Gate 2 may be delayed in opening or it may be closed if the Security Forces need the additional manpower for a response or emergency.

September UTA schedule
A UTA Sept 9-10
B UTA Sept 23-24

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